

REMARKS

This paper is filed responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on March 29, 2011 (“Office Action”) in the above-identified matter. It is timely in view of the three month shortened statutory period for response. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also filed concurrently herewith.

I. Status of Claims

Claims 73-78 have been canceled by this Amendment. New claims 87 and 88, which depend from claims 79 and 83 respectively, have been added. Support for new claims 87 and 88 can be found in the Specification, at least at page 4, lines 1-19 and original claims 9 and 18. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 79-86 were allowed. Because new claims 87 and 88 depend from allowed claims 79 and 83, claims 87 and 88 should also be allowed.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 73-78 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,034,228 (“Meybeck et al.”) in view of CN166960A published 12/10/1997 (“Jin”).

Applicants maintain that, none of the references relied upon by the Examiner, taken alone or in combination, teach “a nondenatured soybean extract of the entire soybean which contains non-denatured soybean trypsin inhibitor,” much less, the use thereof in combination with retinoid or tretinoin in a method to treat acne. Nevertheless, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 73-78 without prejudice or disclaimer for filing in a continuing application.

III. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also filed concurrently herewith.

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